



# Tiddalick the Frog

The story of Coquun (Hunter  
River)

Wollombi, Hunter Valley NSW

# Acknowledgement

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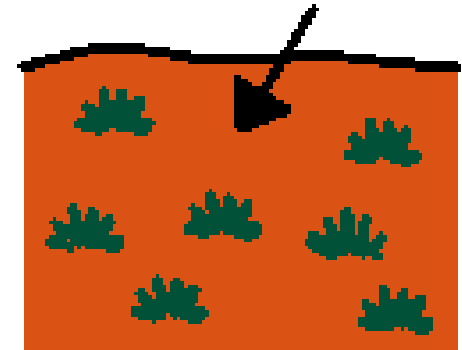
I'd like to start this video acknowledging the Awabakal people, the custodians of the land on which I live and work. Newcastle Senior School shows respect to the Awabakal people and is proud to learn on Awabakal country. Story telling has always been an important tradition and practice to the Aboriginal people. Telling yarns ensures the passing of knowledge, customs, culture and language continues for many generations. It is important to share this culture and knowledge and ensure we do our part to keep language alive. Our area is home to the Awabakal salt water people- they share deep connections to the land, oceans and river of this area. They hold the stories of our home and the secrets of this land. May we listen to our First Nations people and learn true respect for country.

**In the beginning of time, the creation era, there was a giant frog that lived in the Hunter Valley area.**

frog



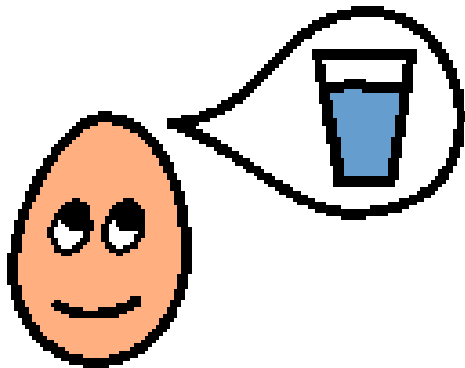
land



frog



thirsty



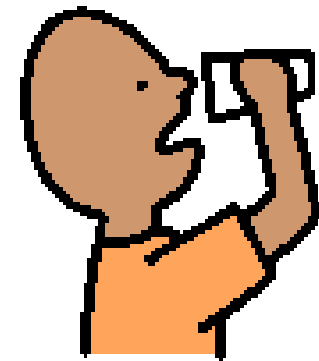
**One morning,  
Tiddalick awoke  
with a great  
thirst.**


**He began drinking  
all the water.  
He drunk until all  
the water was gone.**

stream



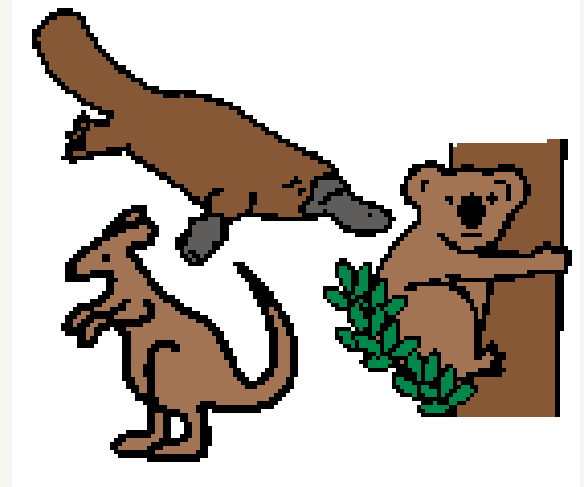
drink

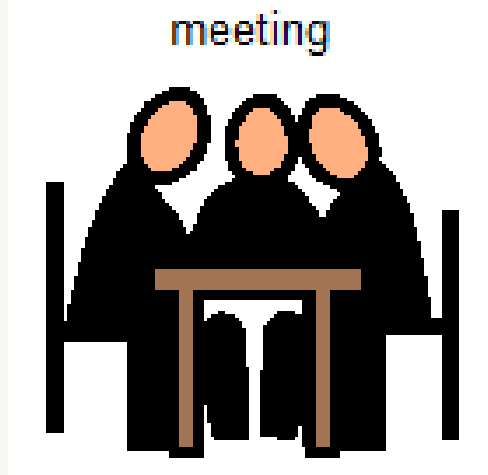
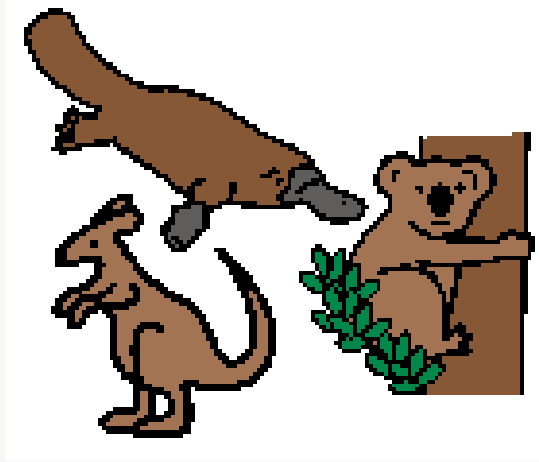




**Tiddalick had drunk  
so much water, he  
had swollen to  
enormous size.**

**All the other  
animals began  
to die of thirst.**





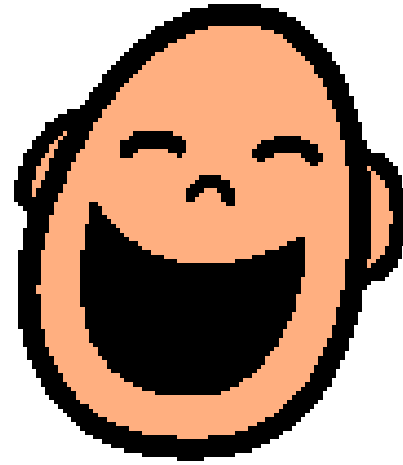
**The great council of the animals was held. They needed to get some water back.**



frog



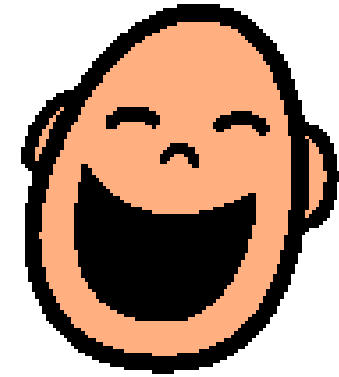
laugh



**They decided to make  
Tiddalick laugh**

**The kookaburra  
began to laugh.  
Soon the other  
animals joined in.**

laugh

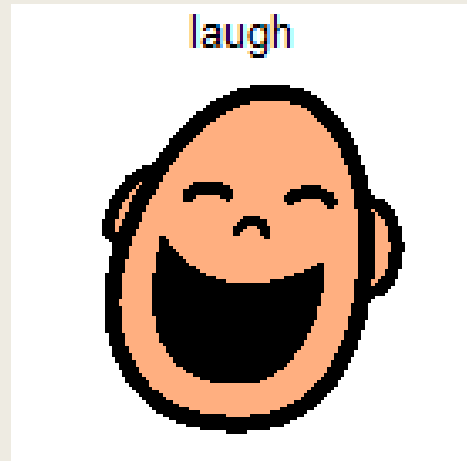
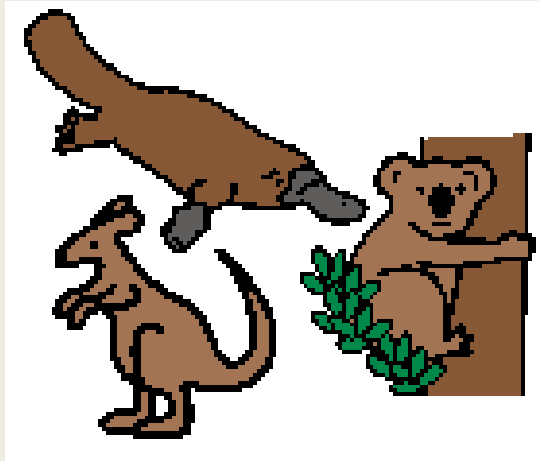


kookaburra



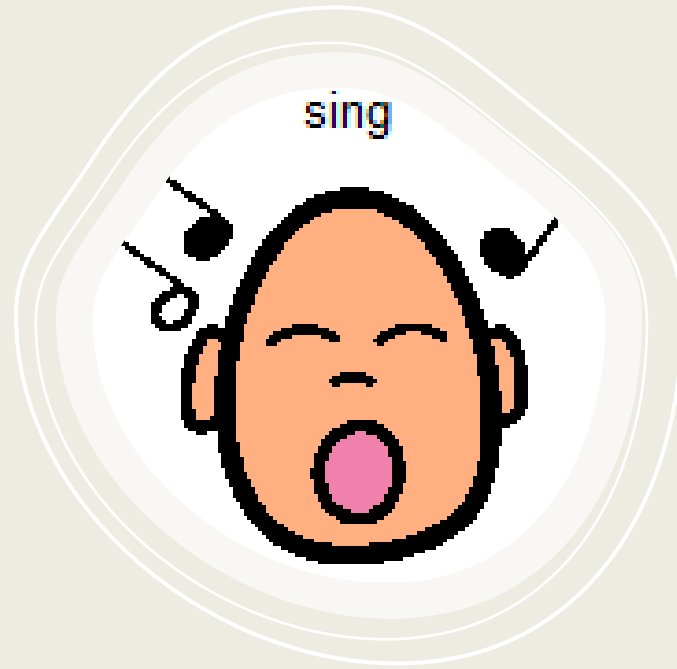
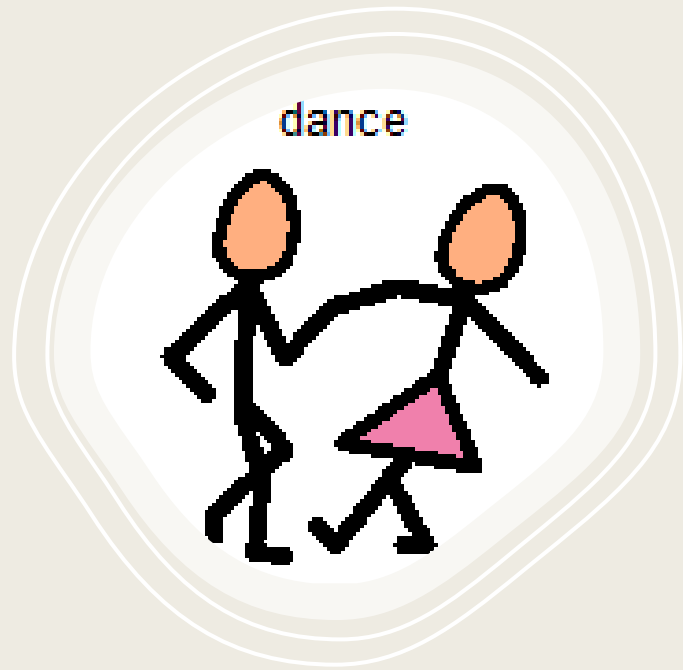
The animals kept laughing, eventually  
Tiddalick began to laugh

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**The water began  
rushing out of  
his mouth**





**The animals danced and sung, Tiddalick  
had created the great flood**



**Tiddalick's water  
forged the  
landscape to  
create Coquun.**



**Tiddalick was  
punished for his  
greed and turned  
to stone.**



## More info:

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<https://www.miromaa.org.au/tiddalik-the-greedy-frog>

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